

Docket No.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEApplicants: **Kazumasa Harada, et al.**Group Art Unit: **Not Yet Assigned**Application No.: **National Stage of  
PCT/JP2003/07330**Examiner: **Not Yet Assigned**Filed: **Concurrently Herewith**For: **INK CARTRIDGE**Date: **December 9, 2004****PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the subject application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.